THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI) : (a) to (c) India's exports of leather and leather products during April-August, 2001 was of US $ 845.74 million against US $ 828.21 million during the corresponding period of last year, thus recording a positive growth of 4.64%. Council for Leather Exports has brought to the notice of the Government that while companies like timber Land have suspended their further procurement of shoes and leather products from India, some other companies have expressed their concern over the use of cow leather in the manufacture of shoes and other accessories.

(d) Government have taken a number of steps including establishing of contacts with such multi-national organisations and addressing of issues raised by these organisations and undertaking product specific export promotion programmes in the overseas markets, inviting delegations from abroad and stepping up of marketing promotion efforts in the US and Japanese markets as well as consolidation in European market.

WTO influence on government policy

†2309. SHRIMATI SAVIT SHARDA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on account of World Trade Organisation Government's policies are adversely affecting the common people specially the farmers, workers, artisans and labourers;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any concrete steps to provide benefits to the common people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Probe into price movements of pharmaceutical majors

2310. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

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(a) whether the Securities and Exchange Board of India has commenced probe into the price movements of pharmaceutical majors like CIPLA.

(b) whether the Joint Parliamentary Committee probing the stock market scam was posted with its interim findings; and

(c) which are the major pharmaceutical companies whose unusual price movements are under the SEBI scanner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Outstanding debt

2311. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total outstanding debt of Government as on 1st November, 2001;

(b) the foreign debt as on 1st November, 2001;

(c) the internal debt as on 1st November, 2001; and

(d) the debt service expenses incurred by Government every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) to (c) As per the latest information available, the outstanding foreign debt, domestic liabilities and total debt of the Government of India as on June 30, 2001 are as under :

Total outstanding debt of Government of India as on 30th June, 2001

Items of outstanding debt	Amount (Rs. crores)
I. Domestic liabilities	11,04,155.62
(a) Internal debt	8,50,905.84
(b) Other liabilities	2,53,249.78
II. External debt	1,90,072.70
III. Total debt	12,94,228.32

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